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SARASOTA DERMATOLOGIST INDICTED FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez and Acting Inspector General Daniel R. Levinson today announced the arrest of Michael A. Rosin, a 54-year-old resident of Sarasota, charging Rosin with twenty-five counts of health care fraud, and twenty-five counts of making false statements in health care matters. The maximum penalty for each false statement charge is five years' imprisonment and the maximum penalty for each health care fraud charge is ten years' imprisonment. Rosin turned himself in to the U.S. Marshals in Tampa today. He had initial appearance this afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary S. Scriven and was released on a \$100,000 secured bond.

According to the indictment, Rosin is a dermatologist who has a solo practice in Sarasota. The indictment alleges that Rosin performed biopsies on patients and falsely diagnosed those patients with cancer, typically basal cell carcinoma. In some cases, according to the indictment, Rosin diagnosed cancer based on biopsy slides that contained

no identifiable human tissue. The indictment further alleges that, based on his false diagnoses of cancer, Rosin performed medically unnecessary surgeries, and then fraudulently billed Medicare for reimbursement for the surgeries.

United States Attorney Paul I. Perez stated, "This type of outrageous conduct cannot be tolerated. We will continue our aggressive assault on healthcare fraud and do everything we can to protect the citizens of our community from this type of abuse."

"This case shows a clear violation of the public's trust and puts an unfair burden on America's taxpayers and vulnerable patients," said Acting Inspector General Daniel R. Levinson. "My office simply won't tolerate those who abuse our programs, such as Medicare, and make illegal profit off the pain and suffering of our beneficiaries," he said.

Victims identified by the U.S. Attorney's Office will be notified by mail about the indictment and their rights as victims.

The case was investigated by the Office of Investigations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Katherine Ho.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.